



**St Alban's Parish Newsletter**  
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4th to 11th December 2011

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

Mass Intentions	
<b>Sat 3rd Dec</b> 12.30 pm 6.00pm	<b>Memorial: St Francis Xavier</b> Confessions Terry O'Brien
<b>Sun 4th Dec</b> 10.00 am 3.00 pm	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Domenico & John Baptism: Isobella North
<b>Mon 5th Dec</b> 6.00 to 7.00 pm 7.00 pm	Adoration Mary Boyle
<b>Tues 6th Dec</b> 9.30 am	O'Sullivan Family & Helen Bellamy
<b>Weds 7th Dec</b> 7.00 pm	<b>Memorial: St Ambrose - Bishop &amp; Doctor</b> <b>Confessions before Christmas</b> Mother of Fr Silvio
<b>Thurs 8th Dec</b> 9.30 am	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Mo Franks
<b>Fri 9th Dec</b> 12.00 noon 6.00 pm—7.00pm 7.00 pm	Funeral Service Kenneth Pritchard Adoration William & Louise Jacobson
<b>Sat 10th Dec</b> 12.00 to 1pm 6.00 pm	Confessions Eric Thomas
<b>Sun 11th Dec</b> 10.00 am	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent 'Gaudete' Sunday</b> Maureen Rowley & DM of Donovan Family

Dates for your Diaries	
When	Where
Tues 6th December	Coffee Morning
Wed 7th December	Confessions before Christmas 7pm
Fri 9th December	Coffee Morning Social Evening
Sunday 11th December	Legion of Mary December Function, Benediction at 3pm
Sunday 11th December at 3pm	Churches Together - Carol Service at St German's Church
Mon 12th December at 7.30pm	Carol Service and Social Evening
Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm	First Communion Parents meeting
Fri 16th December at 7.30pm	Christmas Parish Meal
Sat 17th December at 7pm	Christmas Raffle and Social Evening
Sunday 18th December	Children's Concert after Mass
Sunday 18th December 8.30pm	Quiz Night
Wednesday 21st Dec at 9.30am	Mass at St Albans School
Sat 24th December 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Carol Service Mass
Sun 25th December 10am	Mass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK :**

Fr. Christopher Smith, Paul (Pablo) Ryan, Colwyn Price, Ethan Chichester, Bethany Thomas, Ethan Woodberry, Gareth Woodberry, Gerard Goodall, Catherine Phillips, Martin Bond, Liane Williams, Tara Ann Price, Rose Price, Yvonne Murray, John Rich, Robert Taylor, Christopher Bailey, Gail Maria Teresa Page, Lesley Barnett, Stewart Reed, John Simpson, Bernard Toft, Maureen Williams, Philip Jones, David Amaechi, Bob Edwards, Graham Colley, Robert Russ, Gillian Powell, Evan Cuddy-Jenkins, Spiro Lia and Colin Gristock,

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

Raffle Prizes would be greatly received and can be brought in and left in the presbytery.

This year we have changed the way we sell the raffle tickets and we will be asking for the payment of the tickets when you take them with you.

**Church Offerings 26th / 27th November 2011**

Offertory Collection: £590.78 of which £329.45 Gift Aided  
 Second Collection: £148.37

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

**OPPORTUNITIES**

As we are approaching close to the new Liturgical Year and Advent Season, I am happy to encourage all my parishioners to think of ways that you can be more active in the Parish.

Maybe to join "The Mothers" (UCM), the SVP, The Legion of Mary, The Choir, Bereavement Group, Cleaners etc. Why don't you think of starting "A Young Mothers Club", you can organise a film club using our hall.

Just remember Church and the Hall is open always to the parishioners. There are loads of opportunities available to us.

**"Be creative in living and proclaiming your Faith."**

### **Anniversaries 4th to 11th December 2011**

Juliet Felicity Blair, Pauline Mahoney, Michael Keith Bridgeman, James Boyle, Thomas Anthony O'Callaghan, Joyce Mountjoy, George David Sweeney, Florence Gertrude Webber, Arthur Bernard Thomas, John Henry Williams, Daniel Patrick Murphy, Ether McDonald, Peter Julius Kenefick, Pauline Walsh, Mary Ellen Hounsell, Christine Madeline O'Sullivan, Honora Gooding, William Henry Morgan Christopher and John Long .

### **The Diary is open for Mass Bookings for 2012.**

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the family and friends of Kenneth Pritchard.

Kenneth's funeral service will take place on Friday 9th December at 12 noon

#### **SVP COLLECTION**

The SVP would like to thank you once again for your generous donations.

The sum raised was £225.47

God Bless you all

#### **RETIRING COLLECTION—This Weekend**

There will be a retiring collection to help the retired Rosminian Priests on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December.

If you are a taxpayer and wish to gift-aid your donation, please take the brown envelope from the back of the church and fill in the details.

Leaflets giving full details of the project, together with information about gift-aiding your donation, are at the back of the church. You may recognise some familiar faces in the photo dating back to 1956!

#### **HALL BOOKINGS**

If you are booking any functions, please remember that the Parish Hall is for hire

#### **Sponsored Swim for SVP Christmas Boxes**

Ellie and Bryony our Saturday evening altar servers will be carrying out a sponsored swim at Splott Swimming Pool on Sunday 4th December. Sponsor forms are on the table at the back of the church if you would like to sponsor them.



#### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

"Befriending the Bereaved"

If you want to share your loss of your loved one or get help, please do not hesitate to contact the Bereavement Team

For Contact Email: stalbansB@gmail.com

or mobile: 07548759277

#### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN STAR**

Community Carol Service 11th December at 3pm  
St Germans Church, Metal Street, Splott.

All are welcome

#### **LEGION OF MARY - DECEMBER FUNCTION**

The Legion of Mary December Function will be held on

Sunday 11th December 2011.

There will be Benediction at 3pm followed by refreshments in the Hall.

#### **VISIT THE CHURCH SHOP**

Christmas Cards and diaries now available.

Come and have a look.

#### **SUNDAY LUNCH**

The income from the Sunday Lunch including raffle which took place on 20th November 2011, amounted to £301.

This will go towards the Hall renovation costs.

#### **A.P.F. Red Mission Boxes**

The boxes are now due to be emptied, so could all those who have a box please leave their boxes in the presbytery.

The empty boxes can be collected on the following Sunday from the shop in the porch of the church. Anyone wishing to have their box collected, please ring Peter Maunder on Tel 029 20216481. The monies collected help spread the "Good News" in the missionary world., thank you.

**Could you save your small change? Then ask for a box and help the missions.**

#### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPEL—RENOVATIONS**

As you see the Divine Mercy Chapel's renovation works are progressing well. There are plans to add stained glass window on the existing four windows. We are looking for sponsors. There are two windows available for family dedication.

If anyone would like to dedicate a window to their family you are welcome to meet the cost.

Please contact Bill Jonker for further information and costs.

Thank you